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SUBJ: FATE OF THE DETAINED POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILLIE MORRIS TOLD DCM MARCH 25 THAT HE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON MARCH 21 TO MOFA PERMANENT SECRETARY GETACHEW KIBRET BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS RUMORS AROUND TOWN THAT THE DIRG HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATING THE EXECUTION OF THE EX-EMPEROR AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING POLITICAL PRISONERS. GETACHEW KIBRET RESPONDED THAT THE EPMG HAD GIVEN THE EEC 9 ASSURANCES LAST DECEMBER THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER EXECUTIONS OF THESE PEOPLE, AND THAT THESE ASSURANCES STILL STAND.

2. AMBASSADOR MORRIS ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD RECENTLY BY TWO HIGH-RANKING ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS IN WHOM HE HAS GREAT TRUST THAT IT IS HELPFUL FOR FOREIGN AMBASSADORS TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WIT THE EPMG FROM TIME TO TIME. THEY SAID THAT IT IS ONLY THE STRONG INTEREST OF MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THIS ISSUE WHICH HAS SAVED THE EX-EMPEROR AND MANY OTHER FROM EXECUTION THUS FAR.
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